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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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JANANI SURAKSHA YOJANA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to extend the benefit of Maternity scheme beyond the two child norms under the revised scheme "Janani Suraksha Yojana";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government provides any antenatal or postnatal financial assistance to women in urban and rural areas under National Maternity Benefit Scheme/ Janani Suraksha Yojana;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of women benefited by the said scheme in various states during 2006-07;

(f) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure that such assistance reaches the actual beneficiaries; and

(g) the details of the steps taken by the Government to generate awareness about the said scheme in the remote areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In the low performing states namely - Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Orissa, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir, assistance under Janani Suraksha Yojana has been extended to Below Poverty Line Pregnant women even beyond first two live births.

(c) & (d) Beneficiaries under Janani Suraksha Yojana are motivated to undergo ante-natal checkups and post-natal checkup.

(e) As per reports furnished by the states/UTs approximately 29.35 lacs pregnant women have been benefited under the scheme in the year 2006-07.

(f) To ensure the assistance under the scheme reaches actual beneficiaries, the States/ UTs have been advised to introduce strict two tier monitoring system for concurrent and continuous field level monitoring. The Central Government have also got the scheme evaluated through independent agencies like UNFPA/GTZ in some states.

At centre level action has been taken to propagate the scheme through the distribution of pamphlets during door-to-door campaign on pulse polio. This Ministry has also released advertisement through electronic media i.e. T.V. and Radio etc. The Central Government has released funds to the States for providing wide publicity to the Janani Suraksha Yojana through wall paintings etc. The State Government have been advised to ensure wide and continuous publicity through posters, brochures, media, display of information in the form of wall writing etc. at the sub centers, PHCs, CHCs and District Hospitals and Urban Institutions, health posts, private hospitals and recognized/accredited nursing homes/clinic regarding the available benefits under the scheme as also process for claiming the benefits.